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TENTATIVE TIMETABLE FOR THE WORK OF THE SPECIAL POLITICAL COMMITTEE

Note by the Chairman

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2. The Chairman has prepared the following tentative timetable for the work of the Committee. The schedule will have to be interpreted with the necessary degree of flexibility. At the appropriate stage, the Committee will have to carry out the decisions of the General Assembly that organizations having a special interest in item 34 (Policies of apartheid of the Government of South Africa) would be permitted to be heard by the Special Political Committee.

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(a) Report of the Committee on Information (Official Records of the General Assembly, Forty-fifth Session, Supplement No. 21 (A/45/21))		
(b) Report of the Secretary-General (A/45/533) 1/		
(c) Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Director-General of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (A/45/...) 1/		

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Item 71 - Science and peace Report of the Secretary-General (A/45/...) 1/	1	13 November
Item 73 - International co-operation in the peaceful uses of outer space (a) Report of the Committee on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space (Official Records of the General Assembly, Forty-fifth Session, Supplement No. 20 (A/45/20)) (b) Report of the Secretary-General (A/45/...) 1/	5	14, 15, 16, 19 and 20 November
Item 75 - Report of the Special Committee to Investigate Israeli Practices Affecting the Human Rights of the Palestinian People and Other Arabs of the Occupied Territories (A/45/84, A/45/306) Reports of the Secretary-General (A/45/..., 1/ A/45/..., 1/ A/45/..., 1/ A/45/..., 1/ A/45/..., 1/ A/45/..., 1/)	5	21, 23, 26, 27 and 28 November

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Item 75 -	Report of the Special Committee to Investigate Israeli Practices Affecting the Human Rights of the Palestinian People and Other Arabs of the Occupied Territories (A/45/576, 1/ A/45/84, A/45/306)	5	21, 23, 26, 27 and 28 November
	Reports of the Secretary-General (A/45/608, 1/ A/45/609, 1/ A/45/610, 1/ A/45/611, 1/ A/45/612, 1/ A/45/613, 1/ A/45/614 1/)		

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Agenda item 72

EFFECTS OF ATOMIC RADIATION

Argentina, Australia, Austria, Bangladesh, Belgium, Byelorussian Soviet Socialist Republic, Canada, China, Costa Rica, Czechoslovakia, Denmark, Egypt, France, Germany, Indonesia, Japan, Netherlands, New Zealand, Nigeria, Samoa, Sweden, Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United States of America and Uruguay: draft resolution

Effects of atomic radiation

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 913 (X) of 3 December 1955, by which it established the United Nations Scientific Committee on the Effects of Atomic Radiation, and its subsequent resolutions on the subject, including resolution 44/45 of 8 December 1989, in which, inter alia, it requested the Scientific Committee to continue its work,

Taking note with appreciation of the report of the United Nations Scientific Committee on the Effects of Atomic Radiation, 1/

Reaffirming the desirability of the Scientific Committee continuing its work,

Concerned about the potentially harmful effects on present and future generations resulting from the levels of radiation to which man is exposed,

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1/ A/45/319.

Conscious of the continued need to examine and compile information about atomic and ionizing radiation and to analyse its effects on man and his environment,

Bearing in mind the decision of the Scientific Committee to submit, as soon as the relevant studies are completed, shorter reports with supporting scientific documents on the specialized topics mentioned by the Committee, 2/

1. Commends the United Nations Scientific Committee on the Effects of Atomic Radiation for the valuable contribution it has been making in the course of the past thirty-five years, since its inception, to wider knowledge and understanding of the levels, effects and risks of atomic radiation and for fulfilling its original mandate with scientific authority and independence of judgement;

2. Notes with satisfaction the continued and growing scientific co-operation between the Scientific Committee and the United Nations Environment Programme;

3. Requests the Scientific Committee to continue its work, including its important co-ordinating activities, to increase knowledge of the levels, effects and risks of ionizing radiation from all sources;

4. Endorses the intentions and plans of the Scientific Committee for its future activities of scientific review and assessment on behalf of the General Assembly;

5. Also requests the Scientific Committee to continue at its next session the review of the important problems in the field of radiation and to report thereon to the General Assembly at its forty-sixth session;

6. Requests the United Nations Environment Programme to continue providing support for the effective conduct of the work of the Scientific Committee and for the dissemination of its findings to the General Assembly, the scientific community and the public;

7. Expresses its appreciation for the assistance rendered to the Scientific Committee by Member States, the specialized agencies, the International Atomic Energy Agency and non-governmental organizations, and invites them to increase their co-operation in this field;

8. Invites Member States, the organizations of the United Nations system and non-governmental organizations concerned to provide further relevant data about doses, effects and risks from various sources of radiation, which would greatly help in the preparation of future reports of the Scientific Committee to the General Assembly.

2/ A/38/142, para. 5.

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POLICIES OF APARTHEID OF THE GOVERNMENT OF SOUTH AFRICA

Request for hearing

Letter dated 11 October 1990 from Ms. Beatrice von Roemer, International Confederation of Free Trade Unions, addressed to the Chairman of the Special Political Committee*

New York

I would respectfully request being placed on the list of speakers in order to make a statement on behalf of the International Confederation of Free Trade Unions on the item entitled "Policies of apartheid of the Government of South Africa".

(Signed) Beatrice von ROEMER

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POLICIES OF APARTHEID OF THE GOVERNMENT OF SOUTH AFRICA

Request for hearing

Letter dated 18 October 1990 from the Director, South Africa Programs, Interfaith Center on Corporate Responsibility, addressed to the Chairman of the Special Political Committee*

New York

The Interfaith Center on Corporate Responsibility would very much like to be permitted to be heard by the Special Political Committee of the General Assembly on the question of apartheid. Our South Africa Program continues to co-ordinate the efforts of religious groups promoting corporate responsibility by working to end apartheid by depriving the system of its international corporate and financial support. We have devoted particular attention to the role of multinationals in South Africa, the impact of economic pressures there, and strategies for change including severing financial ties, the oil embargo, corporate campaigns to end equity and non-equity ties to South Africa, and selective purchasing/sanctions legislation.

We would be most honoured to be heard by the Committee, and look forward to your response.

(Signed) Donna KATZIN
Director, South Africa Programs

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POLICIES OF APARTHEID OF THE GOVERNMENT OF SOUTH AFRICA

Request for hearing

Addendum

Letter dated 27 October 1990 from Mr. Joseph D. Reilly, Progressive Librarians Guild, addressed to the Chairman of the Special Political Committee*

Bryn Mawr

I am writing to request permission to testify once again before the Special Political Committee on the "Policies of apartheid of the Government of South Africa", during hearings scheduled for 26-27 November 1990.

I will be speaking on behalf of the Progressive Librarians Guild, a nation-wide professional organization based in New York. If possible, I would prefer to speak towards the end of either day's meeting.

Thank you. The opportunity I was granted last year led to a remarkable range of debates and actions, both in South Africa and in the international library community. I am assured that the opportunity to do so again will further these activities.

(Signed) Joseph D. REILLY

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POLICIES OF APARTHEID OF THE GOVERNMENT OF SOUTH AFRICA

Request for hearing

Addendum

Letter dated 13 November 1990 from Mr. Michael Johns, The Heritage Foundation, addressed to the Chairman of the Special Political Committee*

Washington, D.C.

I am writing to request the opportunity to address the United Nations hearings on apartheid to be held later this month.

As policy analyst for third world and African affairs at The Heritage Foundation, I have conducted extensive research on political and economic issues in South Africa and United States policy towards that nation. I also have written exhaustively on these topics. Over the past five years, I have travelled widely in both South Africa and southern Africa and lectured at the University of Pretoria and other southern African institutions.

(Signed) Michael JOHNS
Policy Analyst for Third World
and African Affairs

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POLICIES OF APARTHEID OF THE GOVERNMENT OF SOUTH AFRICA

Request for hearing

Addendum

Letter dated 15 November 1990 from Ms. Gay J. McDougall, Lawyers' Committee for Civil Rights under Law, addressed to the Chairman of the Special Political Committee*

Washington, D.C.

I am writing to request the opportunity to be heard by the Special Political Committee on the question of apartheid.

The Southern Africa project of the Lawyers' Committee was founded in 1967 in recognition of the inextricable link between civil rights at home and human rights in other parts of the world, and in recognition, too, that lawyers, whether here or in South Africa, have a unique contribution to make to the struggle for equality.

The Project is the only American group that has provided direct assistance to the defence of political prisoners in South Africa. We hire lawyers to defend them, pay the legal and court fees for their defence, and supply a broad range of technical assistance to these lawyers, including expert witnesses, forensic scientists and legal research.

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As a result of our legal defense work, the Southern Africa Project has developed extensive contacts within the anti-apartheid community in South Africa. For more than two decades we have had daily contact with South African lawyers and human rights activists.

I have recently returned from a two-week visit to South Africa. I would like to bring to the attention of the Special Political Committee insights that I gained on that visit into the current status of the promised release of political prisoners and indemnity for returning exiles. I would also comment on the report recently released by the President's Council that details the Government's view of what power-sharing will mean.

(Signed) Gay J. MCDOUGALL
Director
Southern Africa Project

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Request for hearing

Addendum

Letter dated 15 November 1990 from Mr. David H. Barron, The Jefferson Educational Foundation, addressed to the Chairman of the Special Political Committee*

Washington, D.C.

On behalf of The Jefferson Educational Foundation, a non-partisan, not-for-profit, educational and charitable institution registered under section 501 (c) (3) of the United States code, I hereby request permission to testify before the Special Political Committee with reference to the Committee hearings on apartheid in South Africa.

We understand that hearing dates are scheduled for 26 and 27 November and we graciously request the Committee's response at its earliest convenience.

(Signed) David H. BARRON

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POLICIES OF APARTHEID OF THE GOVERNMENT OF SOUTH AFRICA

Request for hearing

Addendum

Letter dated 15 November 1990 from Mr. D. Bryce Hallowell, Association of Concerned Taxpayers, addressed to the Chairman of the Special Political Committee*

Dumfries, Virginia

As Policy Director for the Association of Concerned Taxpayers (ACT), I would like to request permission to testify before the Special Political Committee. I understand that the Committee will be conducting hearings on 26-27 November 1990, on apartheid in South Africa.

The South African situation deserves the attention that the Special Political Committee hearings offer. It is an excellent chance to examine the problems that still burden South Africa and have prevented it from becoming a more fully democratic society.

The complexities involved in finding solutions to South Africa's dilemma are many and I hope that ACT can shed some additional light on the United Nations effort to end apartheid. I await with anticipation your response to my request.

(Signed) D. Bryce HALLOWELL
Political Director

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POLICIES OF APARTHEID OF THE GOVERNMENT OF SOUTH AFRICA

Request for hearing

Addendum

Letter dated 14 November 1990 from Mr. Count Pietersen, Pan Africanist Congress of Azania, addressed to the Chairman of the Special Political Committee*

New York

The Pan Africanist Congress of Azania presents its compliments and has the honour to submit the following organizations and individuals to appear before the Special Political Committee on 27 November 1990:

1. The New African People's Organisation - Mr. Ahmed Obafemi
2. The NAACP - Mr. Ralph Boyd
3. The Workers Organisation for Social Action - Dr. Neville Alexander
4. Organization of South African-Azanians for Liberation Education - Rev. V. Ntintili
5. American-South African Peoples' Friendship Association - Dr. Barbara Ellery
6. All-African Peoples' Revolutionary Party - Mr. David Brothers
7. South African-Azania Student Movement - New York - Ms. Mantsha Mohohlo
8. National Black United Front - Mr. Jitu Weusi
9. Afrikan Echos - Mr. Inuni Stedman Aaron

(Signed) Count PIETERSEN
Chief Representative

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POLICIES OF APARTHEID OF THE GOVERNMENT OF SOUTH AFRICA

Request for hearing

Addendum

Letter dated 14 November 1990 from Mr. David A. Ridenour, The National Center for Public Policy Research, addressed to the Chairman of the Special Political Committee*

Washington, D.C.

It is my understanding that the United Nations General Assembly's Special Political Committee will hold hearings on apartheid later this month. I am very interested in testifying on this matter.

The National Center for Public Policy Research is a non-partisan research foundation in Washington, D.C. founded in 1982. Since 1985, it has published dozens of in-depth analysis papers on various aspects of South African politics, including the segregationist apartheid system. My articles on South Africa have appeared in numerous national and regional newspapers, including the Christian Science Monitor, the Philadelphia Inquirer, the Detroit News, the Cleveland Plain Dealer and many others.

Please let me know at your earliest possible convenience if I will be permitted to testify and the date and time of such testimony.

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Agenda item 119

PROGRAMME PLANNING

Note dated 16 October 1990 from the President of the General Assembly to the Chairman of the Special Political Committee

The President of the General Assembly has the honour to enclose, for any appropriate action by the Special Political Committee, a letter from the Chairman of the Fifth Committee addressed to the Chairman of the Special Political Committee regarding agenda item 119, entitled "Programme planning".

Annex

LETTER DATED 11 OCTOBER 1990 FROM THE CHAIRMAN OF THE FIFTH COMMITTEE ADDRESSED TO THE CHAIRMAN OF THE SPECIAL POLITICAL COMMITTEE

I have the honour to refer to the letter dated 21 September 1990 addressed to me by the President of the General Assembly (A/C.5/45/5), by which he informed me that at the 3rd plenary meeting of the forty-fifth session, held on 21 September 1990, the General Assembly had decided to allocate agenda item 119, Programme planning, among others, to the Fifth Committee.

By its resolution 36/228 A of 18 December 1981, section I, the General Assembly endorsed the conclusions and recommendations of the Committee for Programme and Co-ordination (CPC) on the work of its twenty-first session. a/ One of those recommendations is contained in paragraph 471 of the CPC report, which states that:

> "Each chapter of the proposed medium-term plan should be submitted to the appropriate Main Committee of the General Assembly before the plan as a whole is adopted by the Assembly in plenary meeting."

At its current session, the General Assembly has before it the proposed medium-term plan for the period 1992-1997 (A/45/6), the consolidated summary of the comments and recommendations made by Member States and intergovernmental bodies since 1988 on the draft introduction to the medium-term plan for the period 1992-1997 (A/45/279), as well as the report of CPC on the work of its thirtieth session (A/45/16 (Parts I and II)).

The appendix below indicates, for each programme of the proposed plan, the relevant Main Committee(s) to which it should be referred.

In order to enable the Fifth Committee to take fully into account the views which the Member States may wish to express in the Special Political Committee on the relevant programmes of the proposed medium-term plan for the period 1992-1997, it would be appreciated if such views were to be communicated to the Fifth Committee no later than 9 November 1990.

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a/ Official Records of the General Assembly, Thirty-sixth Session, Supplement No. 38 (A/36/38), chap. VII.

Appendix

Consideration of the proposed medium-term plan for the period 1992-1997 and related documents by the General Assembly in plenary meetings a/ and the Main Committees of the General Assembly

Programmes and related documents	To be referred to
Introduction to the plan b/, annex to the introduction c/, and note by the Secretariat containing a consolidated summary of the comments and recommendations made by Member States and intergovernmental bodies since 1988 on the draft introduction to the medium-term plan for the period 1992-1997 d/	The General Assembly and all Main Committees
Programmes 1 to 6, 10, 37 and 45	The General Assembly
Programmes 1, 2 and 7	First Committee
Programmes 1, 2, 4, 5, 6, 8, 35, 36 and 38	Special Political Committee
Programmes 11 to 24, 30 to 34, 37 and 45	Second Committee
Programmes 11, 12, 25 to 36	Third Committee
Programmes 1 and 4	Fourth Committee
Programmes 39 to 44	Fifth Committee
Programme 9	Sixth Committee

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a/ The General Assembly in plenary meeting is listed because the programmes and related documents referred to it deal or are related to many of the items which are on its agenda.

b/ A/45/6 (Introduction).

c/ A/45/6 (Annex to the introduction).

d/ A/45/279.

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UNITED NATIONS RELIEF AND WORKS AGENCY FOR PALESTINE REFUGEES IN THE NEAR EAST

United States of America: draft resolution

Assistance to Palestine refugees

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 44/47 A of 8 December 1989 and all its previous resolutions on the question, including resolution 194 (III) of 11 December 1948,

Taking note of the report of the Commissioner-General of the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East, covering the period from 1 July 1989 to 30 June 1990, 1/

1. Notes with deep regret that repatriation or compensation of the refugees as provided for in paragraph 11 of General Assembly resolution 194 (III) has not been effected, that no substantial progress has been made in the programme endorsed by the Assembly in paragraph 2 of its resolution 513 (VI) of 26 January 1952 for the reintegration of refugees either by repatriation or resettlement and that, therefore, the situation of the refugees continues to be a matter of serious concern;

2. Expresses its thanks to the Commissioner-General and to all the staff of the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East,

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1/ Official Records of the General Assembly, Forty-fifth Session, Supplement No. 13 and addendum (A/45/13 and Add.1).

recognizing that the Agency is doing all it can within the limits of available resources, and also expresses its thanks to the specialized agencies and private organizations for their valuable work in assisting the refugees;

3. Reiterates its request that the headquarters of the agency should be relocated to its former site within its area of operations as soon as practicable;

4. Notes with regret that the United Nations Conciliation Commission for Palestine has been unable to find a means of achieving progress in the implementation of paragraph 11 of General Assembly resolution 194 (III), 2/ and requests the Commission to exert continued efforts towards the implementation of that paragraph and to report to the Assembly as appropriate, but no later than 1 September 1991;

5. Directs attention to the continuing seriousness of the financial position of the Agency, as outlined in the report of the Commissioner-General;

6. Notes with profound concern that, despite the commendable and successful efforts of the Commissioner-General to collect additional contributions, this increased level of income to the Agency is still insufficient to cover essential budget requirements in the present year and that, at currently foreseen levels of giving, deficits will recur each year;

7. Calls upon all Governments, as a matter of urgency, to make the most generous efforts possible to meet the anticipated needs of the Agency, particularly in the light of the budgetary deficit projected in the report of the Commissioner-General, and therefore urges non-contributing Governments to contribute regularly and contributing Governments to consider increasing their regular contributions.

2/ See A/45/382, annex.

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UNITED NATIONS RELIEF AND WORKS AGENCY FOR PALESTINE REFUGEES IN THE NEAR EAST

Austria, Bangladesh, Canada, Denmark, Germany, India, Indonesia, Liberia, Malaysia, Netherlands, New Zealand, Pakistan, Philippines, Spain, Sweden and Yugoslavia: draft resolution

Working Group on the Financing of the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolutions 2656 (XXV) of 7 December 1970, 2728 (XXV) of 15 December 1970, 2791 (XXVI) of 6 December 1971, 44/47 B of 8 December 1989 and the previous resolutions on this question,

Recalling also its decision 36/462 of 16 March 1982, whereby it took note of the special report of the Working Group on the Financing of the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East 1/ and adopted the recommendations contained therein,

Having considered the report of the Working Group, 2/

1/ A/36/866 and Corr.1; see also A/37/591.

2/ A/45/645.

Taking into account the report of the Commissioner-General of the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East, covering the period from 1 July 1989 to 30 June 1990, 3/

Deeply concerned at the critical financial situation of the Agency, which has affected and affects the continuation of the provision of the necessary Agency services to the Palestine refugees, including the emergency-related programmes,

Emphasizing the continuing need for extraordinary efforts in order to maintain, at least at the present minimum level, the activities of the Agency, as well as to enable the Agency to carry out essential construction,

1. Commends the Working Group on the Financing of the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East for its efforts to assist in ensuring the Agency's financial security;

2. Takes note with approval of the report of the Working Group;

3. Requests the Working Group to continue its efforts, in co-operation with the Secretary-General and the Commissioner-General, for the financing of the Agency for a further period of one year;

4. Requests the Secretary-General to provide the necessary services and assistance to the Working Group for the conduct of its work.

3/ Official Records of the General Assembly, Forth-fifth Session, Supplement No. 13 and addendum (A/45/13 and Add.1).

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UNITED NATIONS RELIEF AND WORKS AGENCY FOR PALESTINE REFUGEES IN THE NEAR EAST

Austria, Bangladesh, Canada, Denmark, Germany, Indonesia, Malaysia, Netherlands, New Zealand, Pakistan, Philippines, Spain, Sweden and Yugoslavia: draft resolution

Working Group on the Financing of the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolutions 2656 (XXV) of 7 December 1970, 2728 (XXV) of 15 December 1970, 2791 (XXVI) of 6 December 1971, 44/47 B of 8 December 1989 and the previous resolutions on this question,

Recalling also its decision 36/462 of 16 March 1982, whereby it took note of the special report of the Working Group on the Financing of the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East 1/ and adopted the recommendations contained therein,

Having considered the report of the Working Group, 2/

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1/ A/36/866 and Corr.1; see also A/37/591.

2/ A/45/645.

Taking into account the report of the Commissioner-General of the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East, covering the period from 1 July 1989 to 30 June 1990, 3/

Deeply concerned at the critical financial situation of the Agency, which has affected and affects the continuation of the provision of the necessary Agency services to the Palestine refugees, including the emergency-related programmes,

Emphasizing the continuing need for extraordinary efforts in order to maintain, at least at the present minimum level, the activities of the Agency, as well as to enable the Agency to carry out essential construction,

1. Commends the Working Group on the Financing of the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East for its efforts to assist in ensuring the Agency's financial security;

2. Takes note with approval of the report of the Working Group;

3. Requests the Working Group to continue its efforts, in co-operation with the Secretary-General and the Commissioner-General, for the financing of the Agency for a further period of one year;

4. Requests the Secretary-General to provide the necessary services and assistance to the Working Group for the conduct of its work.

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UNITED NATIONS RELIEF AND WORKS AGENCY FOR PALESTINE REFUGEES IN THE NEAR EAST

Austria, Bangladesh, Belgium, Canada, Cyprus, Denmark, Finland, Germany, Greece, India, Indonesia, Ireland, Italy, Japan, Malaysia, Mali, Netherlands, Norway, Pakistan, Philippines, Sri Lanka and Sweden: draft resolution

Assistance to persons displaced as a result of the June 1967 and subsequent hostilities

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 44/47 C of 8 December 1989 and all previous resolutions on the question,

Taking note of the report of the Commissioner-General of the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East, covering the period from 1 July 1989 to 30 June 1990, 1/

Concerned about the continued human suffering resulting from the hostilities in the Middle East,

1. Reaffirms its resolution 44/47 C and all its previous resolutions on the question;

1/ Official Records of the General Assembly, Forty-fifth Session, Supplement No. 13 and addendum (A/45/13 and Add.1).

2. Endorses, bearing in mind the objectives of those resolutions, the efforts of the Commissioner-General of the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East to continue to provide humanitarian assistance as far as practicable, on an emergency basis and as a temporary measure, to other persons in the area who are at present displaced and in serious need of continued assistance as a result of the June 1967 and subsequent hostilities;

3. Strongly appeals to all Governments and to organizations and individuals to contribute generously for the above purposes to the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East and to the other intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations concerned.

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QUESTIONS RELATING TO INFORMATION

Draft resolution submitted by Mr. Orobola Fasehun, Chairman of the Committee on Information

Information in service of humanity

The General Assembly,

Taking note of the comprehensive and important report of the Committee on Information, 1/

Also taking note of the report of the Secretary-General on questions relating to information, 2/

Urges that all countries, organizations of the United Nations system as a whole and all other concerned, reaffirming their commitment to the principles of the Charter of the United Nations and to the principles of freedom of the press and freedom of information, as well as to those of the independence, pluralism and diversity of the media, deeply concerned by the disparities existing between developed and developing countries and the consequences of every kind arising from those disparities that affect the capability of the public, private or other media and individuals in developing countries to disseminate information and communicate their views and their cultural and ethical values through endogenous cultural production, as well as to ensure the diversity of sources of and their free access to information, recognizing the call in this context for what in the United Nations and at various international forums has been termed "a new world information and communication order, seen as an evolving and continuous process", should:

1/ Official Records of the General Assembly, Forty-fifth Session, Supplement No. 21 (A/45/21).

2/ A/45/533.

(1) Co-operate and interact with a view to reducing existing disparities in information flows at all levels by increasing assistance for the development of communication infrastructures and capabilities in developing countries, with due regard for their needs and the priorities attached to such areas by those countries, and in order to enable them and the public, private or other media in developing countries to develop their own information and communication policies freely and independently and increase the participation of media and individuals in the communication process, and to ensure a free flow of information at all levels;

(2) Ensure for journalists the free and effective performance of their professional tasks, and condemn resolutely all attacks against them;

(3) Provide support for the continuation and strengthening of practical training programmes for broadcasters and journalists from public, private and other media in developing countries;

(4) Enhance regional efforts and co-operation among developing countries, as well as co-operation between developed and developing countries, to strengthen communication capacities and to improve the media infrastructure and communication technology in the developing countries, especially in the areas of training and dissemination of information;

(5) Aim, in addition to bilateral co-operation, at providing all possible support and assistance to the developing countries and the media, public, private or other, in the developing countries, with due regard to their interests and needs in the field of information and to action already adopted within the United Nations system, including:

(a) The development of the human and technical resources that are indispensable for the improvement of information and communication systems in developing countries and support for the continuation and strengthening of practical training programmes, such as those already operating under both public and private auspices throughout the developing world;

(b) The creation of conditions that will enable developing countries and the media, public, private or other, in developing countries, to have, by using their national and regional resources, the communication technology suited to their national needs, as well as the necessary programme material, especially for radio and television broadcasting;

(c) Assistance in establishing and promoting telecommunication links at the subregional, regional and interregional levels, especially among developing countries;

(6) Provide full support for the International Programme for the Development of Communication of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization, which should support both public and private media.

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QUESTIONS RELATING TO INFORMATION

Draft resolution submitted by Mr. Orobola Fasehun, Chairman of the Committee on Information

United Nations public information policies and activities

The General Assembly,

Taking note of the comprehensive and important report of the Committee on Information, 1/

Also taking note of the report of the Secretary-General on questions relating to information, 2/

1. Calls upon the Secretary-General, in respect of United Nations public information policies and activities, to implement the following recommendations, in accordance with relevant United Nations resolutions:

(1) The United Nations system as a whole should co-operate in a concerted manner, through its information services and the co-ordination of the Joint United Nations Information Committee, in promoting a more comprehensive and realistic image of the activities and potential of the United Nations system in all its endeavours, in accordance with the principles and purposes of the Charter of the United Nations, with particular emphasis on the creation of a climate of confidence, the strengthening of multilateralism and the promotion of the development activities in the United Nations system;

1/ Official Records of the General Assembly, Forty-fifth Session, Supplement No. 21 (A/45/21).

2/ A/45/533.

(2) Reaffirming the primary role of the General Assembly in elaborating, co-ordinating and harmonizing United Nations policies and activities in the field of information, the Secretary-General is requested to ensure that the activities of the Department of Public Information, as the focal point of the public information tasks of the United Nations, are strengthened and improved, keeping in view the purposes and principles of the Charter, the priority areas defined by the Assembly and the recommendations of the Committee on Information, so as to ensure an objective and more coherent coverage of, as well as better knowledge about, the United Nations and its work. The Secretary-General should ensure that the Department of Public Information:

(a) Co-operate more regularly with the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization, especially at the working level, with a view to maximizing the contribution of the Department to the efforts of that organization;

(b) Enhance its co-operation with news agencies of and in the developing countries, in particular, the News Agencies Pool of Non-Aligned Countries, the Eco-Pool of the News Agencies of Non-Aligned Countries and the Broadcasting Organization of Non-Aligned Countries, as well as with other news agencies and intergovernmental and regional organizations;

(c) Continue to disseminate, in co-ordination with the information services of other relevant agencies, information about United Nations activities pertaining, inter alia, to:

(i) International peace and security;

(ii) Disarmament;

(iii) Peace-keeping operations;

(iv) Decolonization and the situation in the Non-Self-Governing Territories;

(v) The elimination of foreign occupation;

(vi) Human rights;

(vii) The elimination of all forms of racial discrimination;

(viii) The advancement of the status of women and their role in society;

(ix) The problems of economic and social development, as well as international economic co-operation aimed at resolving external debt problems;

(x) The least developed countries;

(xi) The environment and development;

(xii) The campaign against terrorism in all its forms, bearing in mind General Assembly resolution 40/61 of 9 December 1985;

(xiii) The international fight against drug abuse and illicit trafficking;

(d) Do its utmost to disseminate widely and to publicize the United Nations Programme of Action for African Economic Recovery and Development 1986-1990 3/ and the tremendous efforts of the African countries towards recovery and development, as well as the positive response by the international community to alleviate the serious economic situation prevailing in Africa;

(e) Enhance the effectiveness of its activities and the dissemination of information on United Nations activities against the policies and practices of apartheid, giving due attention to the unilateral measures and official censorship imposed on the local and international media with regard to all aspects of that issue;

(f) Continue to disseminate information about activities of the United Nations directed at a comprehensive, just and lasting solution of international conflicts by exclusively peaceful means, as highlighted in the Secretary-General's report on the work of the Organization;

(g) Continue to cover all United Nations activities pertaining to the situation in the Middle East and the question of Palestine in particular, and current developments in that region, and report thereon to the Committee on Information at its thirteenth session, in 1991;

(3) The Department of Public Information should continue its efforts in promoting an informed understanding of the work and purposes of the United Nations system among the peoples of the world and in strengthening the image of the United Nations system as a whole, and, in this connection, it is recommended that the Secretary-General should ensure that the Department:

(a) Continue to maintain consistent editorial independence and accuracy in reporting all the material that it produces, taking necessary measures to ensure that its output contains adequate, objective and equitable information about issues before the Organization, reflecting divergent opinions where they occur;

(b) In the context of the review of its role, performance and methods of work, continue to apply appropriate modern technologies for the collection, production, storage, dissemination and distribution of information materials, including the use of satellite facilities;

(c) Consider expanding the programme of telephone news bulletins that are paid for by its users;

(d) Continue its co-operation with those countries that have expressed readiness to assist the United Nations in resuming the short-wave broadcasts through their respective national networks free of charge and encourage expansion of such a type of co-operation with those developed and developing countries with recognized capabilities in this field;

3/ Resolution S-13/2, annex.

(e) Take adequate measures to resume the taped radio programmes, which it has temporarily curtailed, if so requested by broadcasting stations;

(f) Continue its briefing, assistance and orientation programme for broadcasters and journalists from developing countries focused on United Nations-related issues;

(g) Provide, on the basis of its activities, information to the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization about new forms of co-operation, at the regional and subregional levels, for the training of media professionals and for the improvement of the infrastructure of developing countries in the field of information and communication;

(h) Co-operate with educational institutions of Member States, educators and education policy makers, informing them about United Nations activities;

(i) Ensure adequate daily coverage of United Nations open meetings in the two working languages of the Secretariat, reflecting the views of all delegations with accuracy and objectivity. The Department should also continue to co-operate closely with and provide assistance to members of the United Nations Correspondents' Association, taking into account their needs and requirements, especially in the area of press releases, press conferences and briefings, which provide them with basic information for reporting;

(j) Use the official languages of the United Nations adequately in its documents and audio-visual documentation and make balanced use of the two working languages of the Secretariat;

(k) Ensure timely distribution of its material to subscribers and to United Nations information centres;

(4) The Department of Public Information should produce and distribute its publications in a timely manner. In particular, the Secretary-General is requested to make further efforts regarding the timely appearance of the Yearbook of the United Nations. The improvement in format and printing of the UN Chronicle is welcome. The Department is encouraged to continue to consider the interests of the specific target audiences as it formulates its editorial policies;

(5) The Secretary-General is requested to expedite his consultations regarding the provision of the appropriate technical and financial assistance to those States which are broadcasting or willing to broadcast to South Africa in order to enable their radio transmitters to be heard inside South Africa, as identified in his report, 4/ in fulfilment of the mandate of the General Assembly reflected in paragraph 1 of that report, and to report to the Committee on Information at its thirteenth session;

4/ A/44/698, paras. 35 and 36.

(6) The Secretary-General is urged to continue his efforts to secure a sound and stable financial basis for the publications Development Forum and Africa Recovery;

(7) It is recognized that United Nations information centres constitute an important means of disseminating information about the United Nations among the people of the world. In this regard, United Nations information centres should intensify direct and systematic communication exchange with local media, information and educational institutions and non-governmental organizations. The Department should arrange for periodic evaluation of the centres' activities in this regard. It should continue to co-ordinate closely with other field offices of the United Nations system, particularly those of the United Nations Development Programme, in order to avoid duplication of work, taking into account the functional autonomy that the United Nations information centres should have. The Department should provide open and unhindered access by all people to all United Nations information centres and to all materials distributed through the centres. It is also urged to pursue the process of linking the remaining United Nations information centres that have not been linked with electronic mail;

(8) Stressing the need for co-ordinating the information activities of the United Nations system and recognizing the important role that the Joint United Nations Information Committee plays in that regard, the Department of Public Information is encouraged to continue its active participation in the work of that Committee;

(9) It is recognized that free distribution of materials is necessary in the public information activities of the United Nations. However, as demands increase and whenever it is desirable and possible, the Department of Public Information should actively encourage the sale of its materials;

(10) In view of the importance of radio programmes in developing countries, the Secretary-General is requested to enhance the efficiency of and to ensure full programme delivery by all regional radio units, namely, the African, Asian, Caribbean, European, Latin American and Middle Eastern Units and the Anti-Apartheid Programmes Section, including production of radio programmes called for in General Assembly resolution 38/82 B of 15 December 1983;

(11) All reports by the Secretary-General, as well as by representatives of the Department of Public Information, to the Committee on Information and to the General Assembly, in particular on new programmes or on the expansion of existing programmes, should contain:

(a) Detailed information on the output of the Department on each topic included in its work programme, which forms the basis of its programme budget;

(b) The costs of the activities undertaken on each topic;

(c) Adequate information on target audiences, end-use of the Department's products and analysis of feedback data received by the Department;

(d) A statement detailing the priority level that the Secretary-General has attached to current or future activities of the Department in documents dealing with such activities;

(e) The Department's evaluation of the effectiveness of its different programmes and activities, with particular reference to the need constantly to review internal programme elements and activities;

2. Requests the Secretary-General to implement the recommendations relating to the activities of the Department of Public Information in accordance with the budgetary procedures as approved by the General Assembly in its resolutions 41/213 of 19 December 1986, 42/211 of 21 December 1987, 43/213 of 21 December 1988 and 44/200 B of 21 December 1989, and taking into account the priorities set by the Assembly;

3. Also requests the Secretary-General to report to the Committee on Information at its thirteenth session in 1991 on the activities of the Department of Public Information and on the implementation of the recommendations contained in the present resolution;

4. Further requests the Secretary-General to report to the General Assembly at its forty-sixth session on the implementation of the present resolution;

5. Requests the Committee on Information to report to the General Assembly at its forty-sixth session;

6. Decides to include in the provisional agenda of its forty-sixth session the item entitled "Questions relating to information".

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PROGRAMME PLANNING

Letter dated 7 November 1990 from the Chairman of the Special Political Committee addressed to the President of the General Assembly

I have the honour to request that the attached letter be forwarded to the Chairman of the Fifth Committee.

(Signed) Perezi KARUKUBIRO-KAMUNANWIRE
Chairman
Special Political Committee

Annex

LETTER DATED 7 NOVEMBER 1990 FROM THE CHAIRMAN OF THE SPECIAL POLITICAL COMMITTEE ADDRESSED TO THE CHAIRMAN OF THE FIFTH COMMITTEE

I have the honour to refer to your letter dated 11 October 1990 (A/SPC/45/L.4, annex) concerning programme planning, in which you requested the views of the Special Political Committee on the relevant programmes of the proposed medium-term plan for the period 1992-1997.

I wish to inform you that this matter was brought to the attention of the Special Political Committee at its 5th meeting, on 29 October 1990, with the request that any members of the Committee wishing to express their views should do so in writing.

I have the honour to inform you that the Special Political Committee has no comments to make on the subject.

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PROGRAMME PLANNING

Letter dated 14 November 1990 from the Chairman of the Special Political Committee addressed to the President of the General Assembly

I have the honour to request that the attached letter be forwarded to the Chairman of the Fifth Committee.

(Signed) Perezi KARUKUBIRO-KAMUNANWIRE
Chairman
Special Political Committee

Annex

LETTER DATED 14 NOVEMBER 1990 FROM THE CHAIRMAN OF THE SPECIAL POLITICAL COMMITTEE ADDRESSED TO THE CHAIRMAN OF THE FIFTH COMMITTEE

Further to my letter dated 7 November 1990 (A/SPC/45/L.10, annex), I have the honour to transmit to you, for the attention of the Fifth Committee, a communication that I have received concerning programme planning, namely, a letter dated 13 November 1990 from the Permanent Representative of Cuba to the United Nations.

Appendix

LETTER DATED 13 NOVEMBER 1990 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF CUBA TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE CHAIRMAN OF THE SPECIAL POLITICAL COMMITTEE

I would like to avail myself of this opportunity to express to you my regards for your diligent work in heading the activities of the Special Political Committee.

On behalf of my delegation, I should like to transmit to you and through you also to the Chairman of the Fifth Committee, some of my concerns regarding agenda item 119 on programme planning.

My delegation as well as others, as we were able to realize afterwards, did not have the opportunity to express itself on the subject, for which the deadline has been established for 7 November.

It is indeed obvious, Mr. Chairman, that after the discussions and working sessions of the Committee on Peace-keeping Operations, and those of the Special Political Committee, during the forty-fourth session, we could not expect from the Secretariat a proposed medium-term plan a/ containing new concepts that had not been previously discussed substantively by those committees.

In essence, Mr. Chairman, my delegation considers that programme 1 includes as its first subprogramme the concept of peace-making, whose legal foundation has not been substantiated by any legislative mandate whatsoever.

The above-mentioned subprogramme 1, Good offices and peace-making, sustains that its main legislative authority is the Charter of the United Nations and underlines the validity of Article 99. The intention to make this Article relevant, in such a way that it would legally cover this concept, is obvious.

Article 99 gives effective authority to the Secretary-General only to bring to the attention of the Security Council any matter that might threaten international peace and security. Even though, in the above-mentioned subprogramme it is said that, under this Article, the Secretary-General would have to undertake activities connected with the discharge of his responsibilities under Article 99, inferring from this the new concept.

However from my point of view, that concept may violate other fundamental principles, also present in the Charter, such as the respect for national sovereignty, independence and self-determination, to mention just a few of them.

This is precisely, Mr. Chairman, the reason for my concerns regarding this concept, and therefore I would kindly urge you to so inform the Chairman of the Fifth Committee.

(Signed) Ricardo ALARCON de QUESADA
Ambassador
Permanent Representative

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SCIENCE AND PEACE

Argentina, Bangladesh, Bolivia, Brunei Darussalam, Chile, Colombia, Comoros, Costa Rica, Cyprus, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, El Salvador, Grenada, Guatemala, Haiti, Honduras, Lesotho, Morocco, Myanmar, Nepal, Nicaragua, Panama, Papua New Guinea, Paraguay, Peru, Philippines, Poland, Samoa, Singapore, Sri Lanka, Thailand, Togo, Ukrainian Soviet Socialist Republic and Uruguay: draft resolution

Science and Peace

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 43/61 of 6 December 1988, in which it proclaimed the "International Week of Science and Peace" which would take place each year during the week in which 11 November falls,

Recognizing that this celebration has generated a series of activities and initiatives leading to the study and dissemination of information on the links between progress in science and technology and the maintenance of peace and security,

Considering that progress in science and technology profoundly affects international peace and security, economic and social development, respect for human rights and many other aspects of civilization and culture,

Considering also that political and economic decisions have a decisive effect on the direction of scientific research and the use of the results obtained thereby,

Affirming that it is necessary to promote greater awareness among scientists world-wide of the usefulness of science to increase international peace, security and co-operation, the social and economic development of mankind, the promotion of human rights and the protection of the environment,

Affirming, in particular, the need for scientists to establish a free and open dialogue between one another, and with political leaders and the public in general, with regard to scientific developments and their present and potential implications for our civilization,

Considering the importance of encouraging scientists to work towards constructive objectives, to improve the climate for arms control and disarmament, and to promote a dialogue on important topics in connection with the positive contributions that scientific knowledge can make to peace, security and ecological balance,

Considering also that the celebration each year of a special week of action devoted to the topic "Science and peace" is an important means of generating and increasing public interest in this topic,

Noting with appreciation the joint efforts made by scientists and members of other professional groups to promote the achievement of those aims through the holding of the First International Week of Scientists for Peace from 10 to 16 November 1986 and every year since then during the week in which 11 November falls,

1. Takes note with satisfaction of the report of the Secretary-General on the observance of the International Week of Science and Peace in 1989 and the wide variety of activities which took place in connection with this event; 1/

2. Urges Member States and intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations to encourage universities and other institutions of advanced studies, scientific academies and institutes, and professional associations and individuals in the scientific community to hold, during that Week, lectures, seminars, special debates and other activities conducive to the study and dissemination of information on the links between progress in science and technology and the maintenance of peace and security;

3. Urges Member States to promote international co-operation among scientists by facilitating exchanges of experts and information;

4. Requests the Secretary-General to draw the attention of Member States and interested organizations to the importance of the International Week of Science and Peace and invite them to report to him on their activities and initiatives in connection with this event, and to report thereon to the General Assembly at its forty-seventh session.

1/ A/45/601, chap. II.

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QUESTIONS RELATING TO INFORMATION

Poland: draft resolution

Questions relating to information

The General Assembly,

Conscious of the importance attached to questions relating to information,

Confirming the relevant provisions of its previous resolutions 1/ relating to the opening of a United Nations information centre at Warsaw,

Taking note of the readiness of the Government of Poland to undertake significant financial obligations in connection with the establishment and functioning of the aforementioned centre,

Invites the Department of Public Information of the Secretariat to open a United Nations information centre at Warsaw.

1/ Resolutions 38/82 A of 15 December 1983, 39/98 A of 14 December 1984 and 40/164 A of 16 December 1985.

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QUESTIONS RELATING TO INFORMATION

Yemen: draft resolution

Questions relating to information

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolutions 3535 (XXX) of 17 December 1975, 31/139 of 16 December 1976, 33/115 A to C of 18 December 1978, 34/181 and 34/182 of 18 December 1979, 35/201 of 16 December 1980, 36/149 B of 16 December 1981 and 37/94 B of 10 December 1982 on questions relating to information,

Recalling article 19 of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, 1/ which provides that everyone has the right to freedom of opinion and expression and that this right includes freedom to hold opinions without interference and to seek, receive and impart information and ideas through any media and regardless of frontiers, and article 29, which stipulates that these rights and freedoms may in no case be exercised contrary to the purposes and principles of the United Nations,

Recalling also articles 19 and 20 of the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights, 2/

Recalling the Declaration on Fundamental Principles concerning the Contribution of the Mass Media to Strengthening Peace and International Understanding, to the Promotion of Human Rights and to Countering Racialism,

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1/ Resolution 217 A (III).

2/ See resolution 2200 (XXI), annex.

Apartheid and Incitement to War, 3/ adopted on 28 November 1978 by the General Conference of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization, as well as the relevant resolutions on information and mass communications adopted by the General Conference at its nineteenth, twentieth, twenty-first and twenty-second sessions,

Recalling also the relevant provisions of the Declaration on the Preparation of Societies for Life in Peace, 4/

Conscious of the need for all countries, the United Nations system as a whole and all others concerned to collaborate in the establishment of a new world information and communication order based, inter alia, on the free circulation and wider and better balanced dissemination of information, guaranteeing the diversity of the sources of information and free access to information, and, in particular, of the urgent need to change the dependent status of the developing countries in the field of information and communication, as the principle of sovereign equality among nations extends also to this field, and intended also to strengthen peace and international understanding, enabling all persons to participate effectively in political, economic, social and cultural life and promoting understanding and friendship among all nations and human rights,

Emphasizing the important role that public information plays in promoting understanding of and support for the establishment of the new international economic order and international co-operation for development,

Emphasizing also the role that public information plays in promoting support for universal disarmament and in increasing awareness of the relationship between disarmament and development among as broad a public as possible,

1. Invites the Department of Public Information of the Secretariat to give a favourable reply to the request of the Government of the Republic of Yemen that a United Nations information centre be established at Sanaa;

2. Requests the Secretary-General to report to the General Assembly at its forty-sixth session on the implementation of the present resolution.

3/ United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization, Records of the General Conference, Twentieth Session, vol. 1, Resolutions, pp. 100-104.

4/ Resolution 33/73.

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QUESTIONS RELATING TO INFORMATION

Algeria, Colombia, Iraq, Jordan, Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Malaysia, Tunisia, Viet Nam and Yemen: revised draft resolution

Questions relating to information

The General Assembly,

Conscious of the importance of information in promoting human understanding,

Taking note of the readiness of Yemen to contribute to the establishment of a United Nations information centre,

1. Invites the Department of Public Information of the Secretariat to give a favourable reply to the request of the Government of the Republic of Yemen that a United Nations information centre be established at Sanaa;

2. Requests the Secretary-General to report to the General Assembly at its forty-sixth session on the implementation of the present resolution.

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QUESTIONS RELATING TO INFORMATION

Yemen: revised draft resolution

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The General Assembly,

Conscious of the importance of information in promoting international peace and human understanding,

Taking note of the readiness of Yemen to contribute to the establishment of a United Nations information centre,

1. Invites the Department of Public Information of the Secretariat to give a favourable reply to the request of the Government of the Republic of Yemen that a United Nations information centre be established at Sana'a;

2. Requests the Secretary-General to report to the General Assembly at its forty-sixth session on the implementation of the present resolution.

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